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Title: BOOT FOR SKI OR IN-LINE
ROLLER SKATE

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It is requested that the Examiner fully consider the cited references and that they be cited on the front of any patent issuing from this application.

Copies of the cited references are attached.

STATEMENT OF RELEVANCE - FOREIGN LANGUAGE DOCUMENTS

GERMAN PATENT NO 865 425

The German patent 865 425 to Reiter describes a water tight ski boot having a flexible upper and a rear portion (not labelled).

GERMAN PATENT NO 2514207

German patent 2514207 shows a downhill ski boot having a removable harness 7 which surrounds the ankle, and which leaves the forward portion of the boot free to flex. The boot is fastened in the rear by the rear of the heel and not through the harness.

EUROPEAN PATENT APPLICATION NO 0 753 267 A1

EP 0 753 267A1 shows a snowboard boot having a reinforcing inner shell 4.

If the Examiner has further questions, he is invited to contact the undersigned at phone 011-4122-346-8744 or fax at 011-4122-346-8960.

Respectfully submitted,
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